

SOCIAL CHIT-CHAT.

Decoration Day Made The Occasion of Several Pleasant Excursions Into the Country.

The "Independents" Correspondent Witnesses a Rural Dance, with All the Accompaniments.

Literary Club Entertainment—The Diocesan Home—The Bach-Childs Wedding—Notes.

The past week, while hardly calculated to make the society youth of Helena very blue, was marked by several events which may be said to have passed off with great eclat, and all of which were thoroughly enjoyed by those participating. The much talked-of picnic took place as advertised, despite the fact that the day was hardly what the fascinating counter-jumper would term "selected goods." Plovius, however, condescended to shut up shop for the day, leaving rude Boreas alone master of the ladies' bangs and the situation.

The picnic party left Helena at 8 a. m. in every conceivable kind of vehicle, from the aristocratic landau down to the common, everyday stage coach, the gentlemen providing the conveyances, while the ladies, in view of the fact that the selected spot might prove a picturesque wilderness, furnished the manna. There was no moon in the party to draw water from a rock, but for all of that there was no lack of liquids, suitable to the occasion and the company.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Knight and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hill, George H. Hill, Miss Flowerree, E. W. Knight, Miss Doris Flowerree, R. A. Luke, Miss Stella Smith, George R. Child, Miss Elizabeth Briscoe, George R. Metten, Miss Holman, William Carpenter, Miss Barbour, Stephen Carpenter, Miss Ella Blaine, Frank Sharpe, Belle Sharpe, J. B. Wells, Miss Tumley, B. E. Kelley, Miss Davenport, H. Nicholson, Miss Stella Knight, Horace Kane, Miss Kane, J. U. Sanders, Miss Phillips, B. E. King, Miss Burke, E. W. Prosser, Miss Franklin, W. T. Parker, Miss Fisk, Miss Prosser, A. M. Thornburgh, William Wallace, Jr., E. O. Child and Tom Knight. The ladies were becomingly clad, their hats attracting the early bee and merry warbling bird, who doubtless had never been treated to such a flowery albeit artificial display before, while the gentlemen wore the usual picnic smile and coats of tan in addition to the regulation suit. There was some slight misconception as to the exact whereabouts of the canyon's mouth, but then no one expects to find anything at a real picnic except a combination of catches originally intended to be eaten separately. The lunch provided was an excellent one, and the day was passed in playing baseball, running races and shooting at harmless bottles, inasmuch as they were empty. Some idea of the execution done may be inferred from the fact that the boys had fired cartridges, although the number of broken bottles has not so far been historically recorded. One young lady, in attempting to see a fly, very nearly fell into the boiling torrent, and one broken wheel somewhat retarded the return trip. Otherwise no mishaps were recorded.

The hot springs at Boulder make a very pleasant trip for a small party. There you can rusticate, or play billiards, loaf or fish—at least eat little fish—can bathe with a grasshopper and a lough lopped off a tree catches fish under your nose, and advises you "to take them durned fish further up stream." Or you can bathe with the other tripples and come out parboiled with some slight conception of what a watery Hades might be, while you can wind up the day with a good supper, a glimpse of a regular country dance, and then to the sleep of the just.

A very jolly party comprising Mrs. Woodbridge, Misses Wade, Hedges and Cutbush, and Messrs. French, Tilly, Woodbridge and Simpson, had a very jolly day at the Gate of the Mountains. Leaving town at 8 a. m. Thursday, they reached Hilder's at 11 a. m. after some exciting racing on route, which resulted in a defeat, most exasperating to one of the teams, and after a rest and a stroll, the bonnie Rose was boarded, and the party, with the merry party back to town at 9 o'clock with many pleasant memories and hopes for numerous such outings in the future.

A country dance. It was my good fortune to witness a regular country dance last week. The dancing pavilion at Boulder hot springs is a good one and the floor first class. A caution dancing which I witnessed was a caution to rheumatism, conventionalism or any other ailment. Everyone went in for having a good time, and they got it. The gentlemen cut pigeon wings, while the only solemn-faced man in the crowd called the figures, "Dance like a man, and dance like a man, your partners, lively now!" "All hands in the middle," break away, "until he got purple in the face from suppressed emotion. The ladies entered into the spirit of the mazy dance with a grace and abandon which was refreshing. Quadrilles seemed to be the favorite dances, and were labeled fancy and plain, although even the plain quadrille, as compared with our simple figures, seemed excessively intricate. One gentleman gave a performance worthy of a variety theatre. Not satisfied with his own set and the floor, he danced into the next set, then up on to the platform, and then back into his own set. He mixed things up generally and wound up by dancing down the back stairs to the home of the mikologist, where he probably would have self up with a mixed drink. If ever a man had St. Vitus' dance in his feet this gentleman had, and yet from the sheep glance these fair daughters of the herdery cast at him he was evidently an highly appreciated rare avis.

THE DIOCESAN HOME. Last Sunday I casually mentioned the fact that the bishop had been offered a bishop's house and plot of land in Great Falls, and ventured to say that Helena could ill-afford to permit Bishop Brewer to be thus taken from our midst, for it is the joint exertions of the bishop and his wife we owe the Episcopal hospital, one of the most useful and to say ornamental, buildings in the city. Several gentlemen have expressed their willingness to take the matter in hand, but do not care to be the first to make a move, and I am sure when it is understood that in several instances Bishop Brewer has been compelled to put up with a hotel, owing to lack of accommodation in his own home, it will be apparent to all good good church people that it was to be to have a bishop and Helena is to be the see, as it unquestionably should, a suitable residence for the bishop must be erected, and it is not alone a question of personal feeling, but also touches the city's amour propre.

A LITERARY AFFAIR. Another event to which I alluded was the monthly program given at Mr. Kane's house to the literary club on Tuesday evening. Among those present were Mrs. Lyell Smides, Miss Dabney, Mrs. Hein, Misses Emmeline and Sophie Greene and Master Greene, Gen. Greene, Dr. Leiser, Mr. Dabney, Robert Sale Hill, Mr. McRae, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Leiser, Bertha Kelley, Mr. Francis Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Kane, Miss Mary Kane and Horace Kane received their guests, and about 9 o'clock the programme, which was a long one, was opened by a duet between Mrs. and Miss

Kane. Without enumerating all the good things said and sung suffice it to say that Mrs. Kane in a very dramatic recitation easily carried off the honors of the evening, her stage training and dramatic instinct giving that magnetic power of holding her hearers which amateurs cannot command. The aspirations of some of the members of the literary club were exemplified by their reading a scene from "As You Like It," and a selection from Helevy and Leocadia's sparkling operetta, "The Blind Beggar." The scene selected from "As You Like It" was the meeting of the fair Rosalind and Orlando and the preceding scene between Orlando and the melancholy Jacques. The characters were taken respectively by Miss Emmeline Greene, Mr. Simpson and Dr. Leiser. The Blind Beggar, performed by Messrs. Kelley and Kane, passed off well. Taken in its entirety the programme was the best yet presented, and an excellent supper sent everyone home very well satisfied.

COMING WEDDINGS. On Wednesday morning next the wedding of Miss Kate Childs to Judge Thomas Cumming Bach will be duly celebrated at St. Peter's church. The invitations to the church are numerous, and the reception at Mrs. C. Child's residence, 205 Ewing street, will also be largely attended. Some of the wedding presents, already received, are very handsome. Miss Florence Childs will probably be the only bridesmaid. The maids of honor will be the little Misses Lulu Bach, Fanny Child, Beth Hunt and Jean Child. The best man will be James B. Wells; the ushers, Messrs. H. H. Davis, C. C. Griffiths, V. Laubenhilmer, R. A. C. Griffiths, B. Child and Ben Webster. Harry H. Davis is in charge of the general arrangements, and this will insure the programme being successfully carried out. The wedding will take place on the 12th of this month. This wedding will be essentially a private one, only intimate friends and relatives being invited.

The marriage of Miss Prosser and Mr. J. P. Prosser, B. Child and Ben Webster. There are also several other engagements on the tapis, some of which will cause quite a stir in Helena social circles.

A farewell surprise party was tendered Miss Effie Miller on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Tyler on Ninth avenue, by a company of her young friends. The evening was delightfully passed with social conversation, games, and the enjoyment of a sumptuous repast, which the party had provided. Among those present were Misses Maime Wortman, Stella Haskell, Kate Smith, Bertha Frank, A. Bradley and Messrs. C. S. Jackson, N. S. Little, Spence and Geo. Wortman, H. A. Buell, Ed. Smith and Al. Frank.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL. May 30 Miss Childs, Dr. Dean and Miss Young made a trip to Stables Ferry, and despite the fact that the water was in a bad condition made a neat haul of twenty fish. This record will doubtless put many of our local fishermen to shame, but then there was an extra inducement in this case, for fish are seldom landed in such charming company.

Quite a party are going down to Marysville during the coming week, where a concert is to be given to sweet charity's sake. Among those participating are Mrs. E. F. Crosby, Mrs. Kane and Horace B. Kane. They will be the guests of Mrs. Bayless during their visit, which may extend over two or three days.

A. F. Emrich leaves for Great Falls some day this week. His camera is his unfailing traveling companion and the result of his work is a fine set of views worthy of any artist's gallery. The only thing he ever failed to get a good view of was the river, for he tried to take out of the water at Boulder.

A cricket match with Livingston has been booked for the 14th of this month. It will probably be played on the fair grounds, and if it is the Helena cricket to give their visitors any trouble it would be well for them to become a little better acquainted with the implements of warfare.

Another picnic is being engineered for the Fourth of July, and while the location is at present a debatable point, they expect to locate it soon, and every member of the party will be fitted out with a compass, chart and Panch's advice to those about to marry.

Miss Laura J. Tidale, of Chicago, a teacher of the Deaf and Dumb school, in connection, will probably visit Helena in a few weeks.

Mrs. W. F. Sanders leaves town this evening for the east to attend the wedding of the daughter of one of her old classmates.

There is another engagement in the air, James E. Rumm has it at present, but old Mr. Itold Youso will soon be spreading it abroad.

A goodly sum was realized for the Women's Relief corps at Encore hall this evening, and the entertainment was worthy of the cause. Miss Prosser proved herself to be an ally with the cause, at 9 o'clock at the neck of more bottles than any of the men.

NOTES AND QUERIES. Charles wants to know which is the most suitable wedding present, a clock or a set of spoons. The clock is always a useful present after the honeymoon, but during that period, very little account is kept of time, while spoons are absolutely useless until the wedding trousseau is pretty nearly worn out.

BREWSING. Ladies, Read!

Mrs. Styles will offer a special line of Ladies' Underwear, beginning Monday and continuing throughout the week. Ladies, call at her new store, Room No. 12, Atlas block.

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Fishing Excursions.

The Northern Pacific railroad will make a Sunday excursion rate of one fare for the round trip from Helena to Elliston and Avon and return. Tickets will be sold for train No. 1 Saturday night or train No. 7 Sunday morning, and return either Sunday night or Monday morning. The above are the best trout fishing places in Montana.

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LAURA BRIDGMAN.

Education of a Blind Deaf Mute—Her Remarkable Attainments.

The death of Laura Bridgman, the blind deaf mute, at the South Boston asylum, ended a career which has seldom been paralleled in any country for requirements in the face of apparently hopeless physical obstacles. It may be said that her instruction first opened the way to the teaching of blind deaf mutes, who had hitherto been regarded as cut off by their affliction from any chance of communication with their fellows. The credit of this pioneer work in a new field was due to Dr. Samuel O. Howe, the husband of Julia Ward Howe, who gained wider fame than his by writing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Laura Bridgman was born in Haverford, N. H., Dec. 21, 1829, and until 2 years of age possessed all the faculties of the ordinary child. At that time a severe illness attacked her and when she recovered her strength it was found that she had lost all her senses. The poor child could not see, hear or speak, while both the senses of smell and taste were greatly impaired. It was many months before her health was fully restored, but then it was found that she was practically cut off from all association with her fellow-creatures.

Physically she was like an ordinary girl of her years, but of her mental condition nothing could be learned, as there was no means of communication with her. Experts in the teaching of deaf mutes were then almost unknown, and it was not until this was done by Dr. Samuel G. Howe, the husband of Julia Ward Howe, who gained wider fame than his by writing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

This unusual faculty of understanding the Perkins institution for the blind, at Boston, under the care of Dr. Samuel G. Howe, the husband of Julia Ward Howe, who gained wider fame than his by writing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The vigor of her intellect, which had lain almost dormant for six years, was shown by the rapidity with which she seized the idea that this would give her the means of communication with the world and of expressing her thoughts to others.

Her progress was rapid and her vocabulary was soon large. Then she was furnished with type having letters in relief, with a frame board with holes for the insertion of the types, and she was taught to form the words with these letters, which represented the names of objects placed in her hands. She developed great skill in this work, and the next step was to teach her the manual alphabet. Then began the work of writing, which she learned with objects whose names were spelled for her. For two years she was instructed in this way, and at the end of that time she was able to write the names of objects and their relations to each other was begun. This was a slower and more difficult undertaking, but patience finally won. After this she learned to write, and the first letter that she composed unassisted was to her mother. She acquired the rudiments of arithmetic and several other branches, and became expert in some household work and in sewing. For music she showed great talent, and she became a skillful performer on the piano.

Before she could converse with others she had read the Bible, and she once learned the truths of the Christian religion she lost all fear. She had many fine traits, noticeable among which was her regard for the rights of others and her insistence upon her own right. Many of her letters show a range of thought which would be incredible if one has not the proofs that they were her own compositions. A number of these letters, with interesting anecdotes and a study of her life were printed recently in the Overland Monthly, and furnished about the best idea of her character and attainments that has appeared in print. The subject of great interest to all who have made a specialty of the training of deaf mutes or of the blind, and Dickens devoted some space to her in his "American Notes." She was a great reader, and the Bible and other books in raised type were her constant companions. Those who knew her intimately declare that she took much enjoyment in life, and that despite her great affliction she was happy and contented.

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